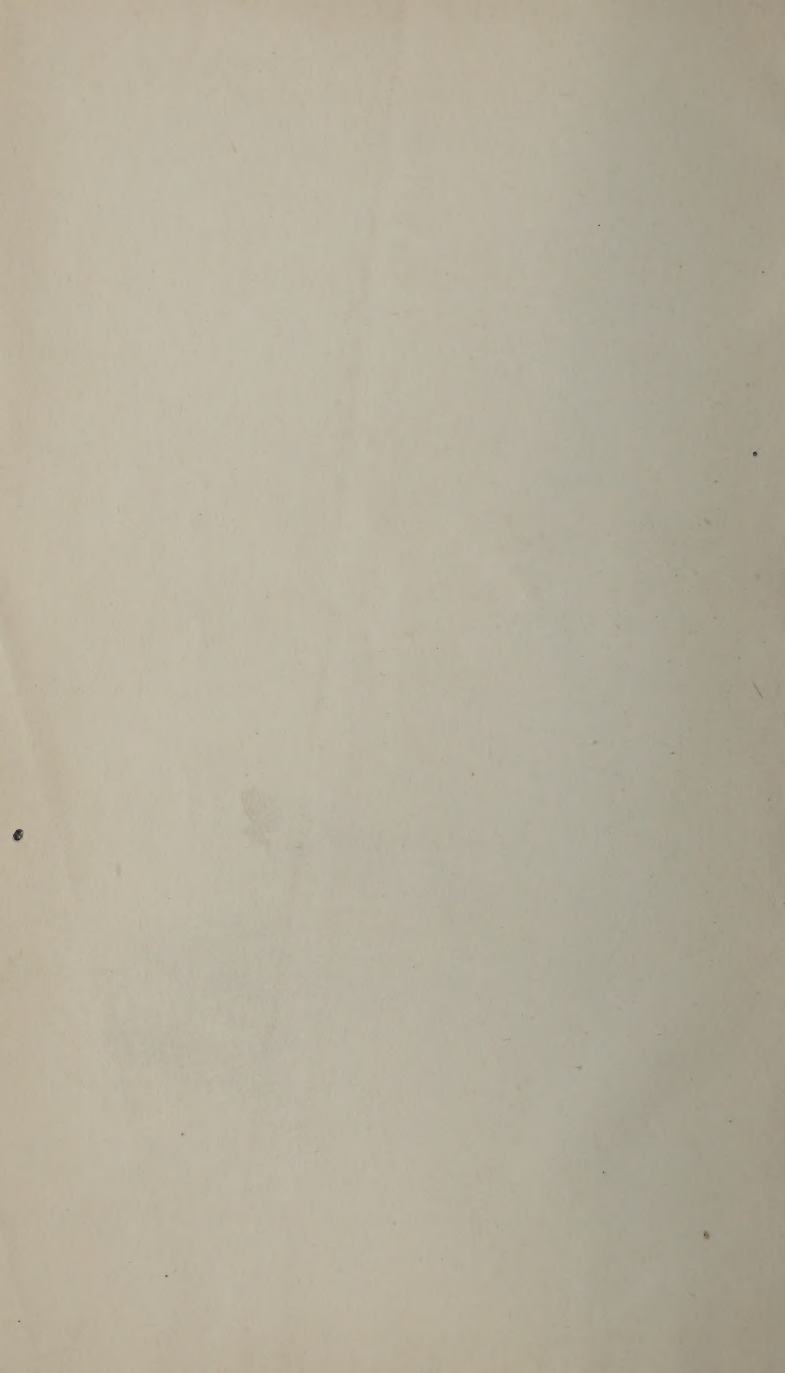




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Selectmen and other Town Officers,

OF

Claremont, N. H.,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEES,

For the year ending March 1st, 1879.

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State of New Hampshire.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Claremont, in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Claremont, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- 3d. To choose a Committe for the Stevens High School for the year ensuing.
- 4th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the present year.
- 5th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Stevens High School.
- 6th. To determine how the School money shall be divided among the School districts the ensuing year.
- 7th. Ty see what sum the Town will vote to raise for the repairs of highways and bridges the ensuing year, and determine whether the same be paid in money or labor.
- 8th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay the legal expenses of said Town the current year.
- 9th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay the debts of the Town.
- 10th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to pay Firemen the ensuing year.
- 11th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Street lights.
- 12th. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the support of the Fiske Free Library.
- 13th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of poor.
- 14th. To determine the rate of discount, if any, the Town will vote to allow to persons paying their taxes within such periods as the town may designate, in conformity with Section 17, Chapter 58 of the General Statutes.

15th. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from the highway north of the farm of E. L. Goddard to the gate of or land of Thomas W. Alden.

16th. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the highway from the house of Charles Sears to land formerly owned by Harvey Tolles.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to widen the sidewalks on the bridge near the Sunapee Mill.

18th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray the expense of decorating the Graves of Soldiers who lost their lives in the late Rebellion.

19th. To see what action the town will take upon section 8 of chapter 115, of the General Statutes in regard to licensing dogs.

Given under our hands and seal this 22d day of February, A. D. 1879.

WILLIAM CLARK,	} Selectmen
JOHN W. JEWETT,	
ISAAC H. LONG.	
	} of
	} Claremont.

Reports of the Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF CLAREMONT,

For the year ending March 1st, 1879.

Report of the Selectmen.

Valuation.

Real Estate,	\$ 1,447,742
Factories and Machinery,	280,350
Personal Estate,	431,622
1065 Polls at \$ 100 each,	106,500
	<hr/> \$ 2,266,214

The rate of taxation \$1.50 on one hundred dollars in money and eleven and six tenths cents in labor on highways.

Amount of Taxes.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law and by vote of the town, was as follows.

For State tax,	\$ 7,012 00
For County tax,	7,804 98
For Schooling as required by law,	6,135 50
Paying debts, fire department and incidentals,	7,000 00
Fiske Free Library,	150 00
Support of poor,	200 00
Highways,	100 00
Street lights,	225 00
Reservoirs,	150 00
Stevens High School,	1,200 00
Percentage added, 4.6 per cent,	1,515 73
Tax on dogs,	260 00
Non resident highway taxes,	9 19
Bailey building,	2,500 00
	<hr/> \$ 34,262 40

Liabilities of the Town.

FUNDED DEBT.

Bonds outstanding March 1st, 1878,	\$ 130,400 00
Bonds drawn Jan. 1, 1878, and paid July 1878,	2,000 00
Balance,	<hr/> \$128,400 00
Borrowed of Tappan fund in 1877,	\$ 4,500 00
Cash borrowed of E. D. Baker, with interest,	1,014 00
Amount of coupons outstanding due and unpaid on Claremont town bonds March 1st, 1879,	210 00
Total,	<hr/> \$ 134,124 00

Assets.

Due from County on pauper account,	\$ 146 89
“ “ State for bounties,	23 30
“ “ Mrs. C. Peck,	9 50
“ for rent of school land,	5 00
In hands of collector,	1,983 62
“ “ treasurer,	868 89
	<hr/> \$ 3,037 20
Net indebtedness,	<hr/> \$ 131,086 80

Property owned by the Town.

Stevens High School Building and Lot,	\$ 25,000 00
Town Hall,	10,000 00
Selectmen's Building and Lobby,	1,500 00
Engine Houses,	1,500 00
Engine and Hose,	3,500 00
House on Cemetery Lot,	1,600 00
Library Building,	7,000 00
Spring of Water,	300 00
One Piano,	300 00
Two Hearses,	250 00
Town Safes and Furniture,	250 00
Fiske Free Library,	3,000 00
Estimated value of Lease Land,	750 00
	<hr/> \$ 54,950 00

Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury March 1st, 1878,	\$ 653 67
School Land rents,	61 25
Rent of Cemetery Buildings,	106 25
C. G. Buel, Liquor Agent,	148 12
O. B. Way, rent of Library Building,	346 43
Trustees of Stevens High School,	700 00
J. W. Jewett, on pauper account,	1,736 09
Circus License,	25 00
Trustees of Tappan Fund,	1,544 50
Money borrowed of E. D. Baker,	1,000 00
Savings Bank Tax,	5,411 07
Rail Road Tax,	297 71
Literary Fund,	264 18
Rebate of State Tax,	624 00
Rebate of County Tax,	694 57
A. Burrill, rent of Town Hall,	257 26
Tax Collector,	36,191 48
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	\$ 50,061 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

Support of District Schools,	6,107 10
Support of Poor,	1,333 60
Ringin Bells and Sexton's Services,	301 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,980 45
Incidental Expenses,	1,731 50
Damage by Dogs,	4 00
Bounty on foxes and hawks,	23 30
Town Officers,	1,416 99
Paying Debts of the Town,	3,000 00
Paying Interest on Town Debt,	7,807 00
Fire Department,	1,212 42
Tappan Fund	1,830 00
Stevens High School,	2,518 99
Fiske Free Library,	2,794 75
Abatement of Taxes,	312 61
Discount on "	652 00
State Tax,	7,012 00
County Tax,	7,804 98
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	868 89
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	\$ 50,061 58

Incidental Expenses.

Paid Sullivan Machine Co., for keys to lobby,	\$ 5 65
Mitchell Oliver, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord stove wood for lobby,	3 50
Joseph Weber, for printing,	9 90
Mechanics' Band,	100 00
George B. Farrington, labor on Town House,	1 50
Dr. Baker, return of births and deaths,	1 75
C. W. Tolles, " "	9 50
Alva R. Cummings, " "	2 75
Charles C. Ellis, " "	4 00
Carl A. Volk, " "	5 25
Leland J. Graves, " "	3 75
Luke Watriss, bolts for cemetery,	1 55
O. B. Way, births and deaths,	3 25
William H. Welch, damage on highway,	20 00
Claremont Manuf'g Co., town reports,	38 00
" " " collector's book,	5 00
" " " receipts,	5 00
William E. Thompson, use of water trough,	3 00
For car load of cedar posts,	55 00
G. V. Barker, $\frac{3}{4}$ cord of wood,	3 00
C. H. Long, freight on car load of posts,	29 00
Claremont M'f'g Co., 4000 receipts and orders,	11 50
John Handerhan, sawing $\frac{3}{4}$ cord of wood,	
selectmen's room,	70
Sidney Mitchell, work on cemetery,	1 20
Henry S. Parmelee, " in old "	4 80
Addison W. Hart, damage on highway,	20 00
Wm. P. Bartlett, " "	2 00
Hiram P. Grandy, blank receipts for tax col.,	1 50
" " " advertising town bonds,	2 50
" " " printing town warrant,	5 00
Granville Rowell, 3 guide boards,	2 30
S. F. Rossiter, paid Judge Sargent,	10 00
John Burns, repairs on gas fixtures,	2 50
Adam R. Leet, watering trough,	3 00
A. E. Bancroft, work on cemetery,	10 00
Chas. H. Swain, lumber for cemetery fence,	33 18
John Burns, work on gas pipes,	6 61
Thos. Bailey, use of water trough, 2 years,	6 00
B. M. Morrill, insurance on Stevens High School building,	225 00
Alfred Burrill, services and expenses of Town Hall,	41 05
George W. Straw, fixing town pound,	15 00
George H. Chatfield, damage on highway,	2 60
Amount carried forward,	716 79

Amount brought forward,	716 79
George H. Stowell, paints, oils, nails, etc.,	10 20
Sullivan Machine Co., time on bridge plans,	3 60
R. B. Lull, balance of cemetery fence,	9 02
Paid O. B. Way, insurance on Library building,	108 50
Ira F. Chandler, lumber for pound,	7 28
O. B. Way, balance of insurance on Library building,	4 00
Joseph Levoy, services, lanterns, oil, etc.,	4 00
George W. Holden, examining bridge plans,	1 50
Chester Benton, work in cemeteries,	11 25
Walter H. Ainsworth, stone for pound,	8 75
John Tyler, water tank, guage, etc.,	10 20
Freeman & O'Neil, one ladder,	2 40
Peter Haubrich, one cord of wood,	3 75
Frank Bush, sawing wood,	1 20
Claremont Stat'y Co., bill for books, etc.,	30 07
Fred'k Haubrich, damage on highway,	6 30
T. K. West, use of water trough,	2 50
T. B. Fletcher, " " "	3 00
Francis Whitcomb, " "	3 00
H. P. Shedd, lease of cemetery at West Part,	6 00
J. W. Pierce, oil and lanterns, lower bridge,	4 45
M. S. Rossiter, school books,	2 79
Nath'l Tolles, examining Mrs. Merrill, at Newport,	5 00
John Blanchard, use of water trough,	3 00
H. W. Parker, legal services from March 1, 1877, to March 1, 1878,	40 00
H. W. Parker, legal services from March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879, including trial of Merrill suit,	50 00
Ira Colby, legal services from March 1, 1877, to March 1, 1878,	40 00
Ira Colby, legal services from March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879, including trial of Merrill suit,	50 00
F. H. Gibson & Co., coffee furnished at Pierce's fire,	3 50
John M. Ager, use of water trough,	1 25
Alfred Burrill, wood for Town Hall and repairs,	102 76
Wm. Clark, postage on bridge plans,	1 97
" " expenses to Newport,	3 50
" " witness fees, Merrill suit,	52 33 ⁰⁰
John L. Sweat, examination of Mrs. Merrill,	3 00
Russell Jarvis, watering trough,	3 00
George H. Stowell, pail, glass and faucet,	1 15
John W. Jewett, stamps and expenses to Newport	4 72
Amount carried forward,	1,325 73

Amount brought forward,	1,325 73
C. M. Fitch, gas for Town Hall,	55 20
E. D. Baker, services Merrill suit,	16 00
Wm. Clark, execution in favor of Nellie A. Merrill,	146 44

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid C. M. Fitch, for gas,	63 13
H. S. Parmelee, for lighting,	
Repairs and oil,	125 00
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	\$1,731 50

Fire Department.

D. N. Spaulding, repairs on engine,	\$ 13 90
Sullivan Machine Co., " "	5 64
Henry S. Parmelee, shoveling snow from reservoirs,	4 73
Jesse Sparling, work at engine house to March 12, 1878,	12 57
Engine men,	919 48
M. Oliver, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of wood, delivered to engine house,	2 00
H. L. Redfield, steward's services,	4 00
Luke W. Watriss, repairs on engine,	15 70
Geo. T. Stockwell, " " house,	4 49
L. D. Patten, leather for caps, and oil carpet,	2 55
L. W. Watriss, hose,	36 00
Edward F. Johnson, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of wood for engine house,	2 00
Henry L. Redfield, services as steward,	6 65
George H. Stowell, varnishes, oils, paints, etc.,	9 30
Sullivan Mach. Co., repairs on hydrant, pump, etc.,	18 25
George T. Stockwell, filling reservoirs,	4 50
" " labor as steward to Nov. 1, 1878,	7 00
Luke W. Watriss, repairing reservoir,	49 22
Sullivan Machine Co., filling reservoirs,	15 00
Henry L. Redfield, services as steward to Jan. 31, 1879,	16 75
Henry S. Parmelee, keeping fires in engine house,	6 00
" " 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours' work on reservoirs,	5 06
Geo. T. Stockwell, steward's services to March 1, '79,	8 98
Geo. H. Stowell, 2d, use of pump, hose and hydrant cap, and labor at Peirce's fire,	12 12
Geo. H. Stowell, coal, spikes and lanterns for engine house,	24 72
Stowell & Welcome, hauling engines,	3 00
Crackers furnished at Pierce's fire,	1 00
Henry Patten, " " " coffee, sugar, etc.,	1 81
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	\$1,212 42

Town Officers.

O. B. Way, services as moderator,	\$ 6 00
C. M. Bingham, services as auditor,	4 50
H. W. Parker, " " "	4 50
S. F. Rossiter, " " selectman,	22 50
Hosea P. Shedd, " " "	20 25
C. G. Buel, liquor agent,	50 00
William Clark, selectman,	259 87
John W. Jewett, services as selectman,	287 62
Isaac H. Long, " "	223 12
John W. Jewett, overseer of the poor,	50 00
F. F. Haskell, Town Clerk,	70 00
E. W. Tolles, Town Treasurer,	90 00
Henry L. Hubbard, collector of taxes,	200 00
Marshall S. Rossiter, Superintending School Com.,	100 00
Edwin Vaughan, moderator,	3 00
J. W. Jewett, taking care of 297 tramps,	20 00
Wm. E. Tutherly, auditor,	5 63

\$1,416 99

Highways and Bridges.

Peter Haubrich, work on highway,	\$ 15 15
T. B. Rossiter, " "	1 50
A. K. P. Butterfield, breaking roads, 1877 and 1878,	17 10
Alvin B. Stone, work on highway,	55 22
A. K. P. Butterfield, " "	18 22
School District No. 1, dirt,	15 00
Geo. W. Dole, work on highway,	39 83
Alfred P. Carpenter, two days work on bridge,	4 00
Geo. B. Farrington, labor and spikes on lower bridge,	6 16
Foster Knights, drawing plank,	75
Jacob W. Sanborn, 515 feet of plank,	4 63
Edmund Neal, labor on highway,	2 00
Jas. Boucher, " bridge,	3 00
Chas. H. Swain, for plank,	40 00
Henry C. Freeman, labor and lumber on bridge,	15 27
Chas. H. Swain, balance for plank,	17 44
Jno. W. Chapin, posts and setting,	3 20
Geo. H. Stowell, spikes, \$ 9, scraper, \$ 7,	16 00
Sylvester Glidden, bal. for work on highway, 1877,	16 78
Ira F. Chandler, timber and plank,	13 39
Albert Ward, work on highway,	4 00
L. R. Farnsworth, stone,	15 00
John Towne, for iron bridge,	2,400 00
" raising west abutment,	20 00
Ralph Emerson, labor and plank on highway,	3 00
Geo. C. Grannis, building Punkshire Bridge,	31 34
Henry C. Freeman, work and lumber on bridge,	10 97
Chas. P. Bailey, 145 feet of lumber,	1 25

Amount carried forward,

\$ 2,790 20

Amount brought forward,	\$2,790 20
Wallace N. Bartlett, work on highway,	18 43
Wm. C. Moore, lumber, labor and stone,	24 00
T. B. Fletcher, lumber, and labor on highway,	27 04
“ 282 feet of plank,	2 25
M. V. Merrill, work and cash paid for breaking roads,	6 90
A. Watson, lumber, and labor on highway,	18 41
A. K. P. Butterfield, labor and cash paid,	9 95
A. P. Messer, lumber, and labor on highway,	12 85
A. W. Proctor, breaking roads,	14 42
I. E. Heath,	1 50
Daniel Kenyon, “ in 1877,	4 50
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	\$2,930 45

\$2,400 of the above paid for the Iron Bridge.

Public Schools.

Amount of money raised by law	\$ 6,135 50
Rail road tax,	31 60
School land rents,	40 00
Interest from Tappan fund,	1,830 00
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	\$ 8,037 10
Paid Superintendent,	100 00
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	7,937 10
Paid prizes from Tappan fund,	1,830 00
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Total amount expended for schools,	\$ 6,107 10

Which by vote was divided \$75 to each district and the remainder by the scholar, giving to 1351 scholars, about \$3.46½ each, in addition to what is given to the district, the whole amount to each district being shown in the following

TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	School Money.	Tappan Fund.	No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	School Money.	Tappan Fund.
1	413	1,506.05	559.45	11	43	224.03	58.24
2	49	244.82	66.37	12	11	113.13	14.90
3	23	154.71	31.15	13	13	120.06	17.61
4	34	192.84	46.06	14	19	140.86	25.73
5	48	241.36	65.02	15	187	723.12	253.31
6	19	140.86	25.73	16	10	109.66	13.54
7	32	185.91	43.34	17	313	1,159.85	424.00
8	19	140.86	25.73	18	37	203.24	50.11
9	63	293.36	85.34	19	13	120.06	17.60
10	5	92.32	6.77		1351	6,107.10	1,830.00

Pauper Account.

Town of Claremont in account with John W. Jewett, Overseer of the poor.

Due from the County, March 1, 1878,	\$ 172 36	
Drawn from the Town treasury,	1,730 10	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,902 46
Due from the County March 1, 1879,	\$ 146 89	
Cash received from the county and paid into the treasury,	1,736 09	
Cash paid for 297 tramps,	17 98	
Carrying G. Randall to Almshouse,	1 00	
Paid town clerk of Unity for certificate,	50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,902 46

JOHN W. JEWETT.

Overseer of the Poor.

Paid for support of town poor, H. C. Sanders bill, by order of Stephen F. Rossiter, March, 1877,	\$ 3 50
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Liquor Agent's Report for year ending Mar. 1, 1879.

Amount on hand March 1st, 1879,		\$ 473 16
Paid town treasurer,		148 12
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		\$ 621 28
Amount on hand March 1st, 1878,	\$ 475 37	
Agent's salary,	50 00	\$ 525 37
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Profit to town,		95 91
Received for liquor, casks, &c.		\$ 1,581 80
Paid for liquors and freight,	\$ 1,408 68	
U. S. license,	25 00	
Town treasurer,	148 12	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,581 80

CHARLES G. BUEL, *Town Agent.*

Bounty on Hawks and Foxes.

A. Bradbury, one fox,	50
Isaac H. Long, four foxes and five hawks,	3 00
Cash paid for nineteen hawks,	3 80
“ one fox,	50
I. H. Long, “	50
Jno. W. Jewett, cash paid bounty on hawks & foxes,	15 00
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	\$ 23 30

Damage by Dogs.

Morrill Cutting, sheep killed in 1877,	\$ 4 00
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Ringin' Bells and Sexton's Services.

Josiah Smith, ringin' bells from Feb. 1st to May 1st,	6 25
Wm. D. Morgan, diggin' 5 graves, at \$1.25 each,	6 25
Josiah Smith, ringin' bells from May 1st to Aug. 1st,	6 25
Alfred Burrill, ringin' bells and sexton's services, to July 1st,	126 00
Josiah Smith, ringin' bells to Oct. 31,	6 25
William D. Morgan, July 1st. to Nov. 1st, sexton's services,	11 25
Josiah Smith, ringin' bell to Feb. 1st,	6 25
Wm. D. Morgan, sexton's services to Feb. 1st,	2 50
Alfred Burrill, ringin' bells and sexton's services,	130 00
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	\$ 301.00

Report of Trustees of the Stevens High School Fund.

MARCH 1ST, 1879.

The amount of this fund in the hands of the Trustees is the same as reported last year, viz., \$ 10,000 invested in notes secured by mortgage, the income of which \$ 700, has been paid into the Town treasury. We have as yet received no part of the \$ 40,000 legacy bequeathed by Mr. Stevens,

The Alden Literary Prize Fund,

consists of the real estate bequeathed by the late Mrs. Mary J. Alden and about \$ 450 (including \$ 335, in the hands of the Executor of E. B. Alden,) in money.

G. N. FARWELL, } *Trustees of the Stevens*
E. L. GODDARD, } *High school fund.*

Report of Stevens High School Committee.

At the annual meeting in March, 1878, the Selectmen recommended the voters to raise and appropriate for the support of this school the sum of fourteen hundred dollars. The voters voted to raise twelve hundred dollars. The cost of the school had been, for the year then just ended, within a few cents of three thousand and fifty dollars. The question naturally arose in the minds of the committee recently elected, wherewithal shall our teachers be clothed and fed, and our pupils sheltered and warmed? To this question they gave their earnest and careful attention. The financial years of the town and the school years are not coterminal. The former end on the first of March and the latter about the first of July. Engagements had therefore been made for about one third of the year which the reduced appropriation was to cover. The reduction must come upon the other two thirds. The problem was a difficult one—the prospect was dark, and we cannot yet see how the thing could have been done had it not been found that there was a surplus of more than three hundred and fifty dollars from the former year, in the hands of the town treasurer, belonging to the school, but

not taken into consideration by the meeting, at the time the reduced appropriation was made. This surplus, and the one in hands of the treasurer of the High School, which *was* taken into consideration, made more than five hundred and twenty dollars which have gone to make up the amount expended on the school during the year now closed, but which *will not enter into the assets* of the coming year, and must be provided for otherwise; because, as will appear by our treasurer's report, *The High School treasury is now empty.* There has also been another diminution in assets. The ten thousand dollars given to the town by Mr. Stevens, as part of a fund for the support of the school was loaned at ten per cent. interest, and the annual income was, of course, one thousand dollars. For the year 1877—ending March 1878, the High School received but eight hundred dollars, and for the year now ending it has received but seven hundred. Whether for the year to come it will be but *six* is not known—but it *is* a contingency to be provided for if we would manage our affairs with prudence.

The main reduction which the committee have been able to make in the expenses of the school, has been, of course, upon the salaries of the teachers and janitor. The aggregate annual reduction on these has been four hundred and twenty-five dollars. It is believed that no more can be made without lowering the quality of the instruction given, to the detriment of the interests of the future pupil. We think we need not remind you how great and wide spread these interests are—that any blow which shall inflict this injury will be felt sooner or later in almost every home. We think it is too late for it to be necessary to remind the intelligent and observing among the voters of the town what benefits the school has conferred upon the town as such, and we are sure that if an expression of thought could be got from the whole town—male and female, it would be that you must *take care that the High School suffer no detriment.*

At the same time—in the same report—within three lines of where the Selectmen recommended you to raise *fourteen* hundred dollars for this school, they recommended you to raise *thirteen* hundred for the support of your fire department. We have no word to say against taking all the precautions we can against the ravages of fire, but in our High School we are teaching the elements of sciences which have enabled single men to find out laws of chemical combination, and applications of mechanical powers, and to invent and construct machines more terrible to that fierce destroyer than an *army* of engine men. Or, looking at it in another light, we are feeding there a small company, but an ever varying one, with just those *tastes* of knowledge which will give them an appetite for more, and lead them on to the acquisition of such an amount as will enable them to *earn, in excess of mere day laborers,* more money than your fire companies will ever *have a chance to save.*

It will be shown in our treasurer's report, or can easily be

figured out, by comparing it with the report made last March, that if the school is to go on upon its present basis, the expense of it will be not far from twenty-six hundred dollars. If you get but seven hundred interest on the Stevens fund, but two hundred and fifty from the Literary fund, and make a special appropriation of that to this school, and if one hundred and seventy-five are received from non-residents, in the way of tuition, there will still need to be raised the sum of sixteen hundred dollars in the place of twelve hundred which you raised last year, and this, as has been said, is about four hundred less than the cost of the school in 1877.

It may be interesting to know what the annual expenses of the School have been from the beginning. They have been as follows:

From March	1869 to March	1870,	\$ 2,985 65
"	1870	" 1871,	3,442 58
"	1871	" 1872,	3,360 53
"	1872	" 1873,	3,430 86
"	1873	" 1874,	3,504 92
"	1874	" 1875,	3,810 27
"	1875	" 1876,	3,320 92
"	1876	" 1877,	3,386 99
"	1877	" 1878,	3,039 23
"	1878	" 1879,	2,852 82

Making an aggregate, for the ten years of \$ 34,144 77
and an average annual expense of 3,414 48

showing that not only has the school cost less last year than ever before, but that it has cost nearly $16\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. less than the average annual expense since its commencement. To meet this burden, if the town were to bear it all, a tax of some over one one thousandth of the entire valuation of the town would have to be raised; in other words, if nothing should be earned by the inhabitants in the mean time, the entire value of the town, at its present estimation, would be consumed in some less than a thousand years! Tax payers who contemplate this result with horror will of course vote for cutting down the appropriation, lest in their extreme old age they and their near neighbors be left penniless!

There have been about 80 scholars connected with the school during the year—more than that a part of the time and less for most of the time. The number admitted at the last examination was nineteen, including two or three from out of town who were examined, as is the custom, by the principal. Of their qualifications the committee need only say that they wish they had been more satisfactory. They and all the pupils are believed to be trying to overcome the disadvantages arising from premature entrance. We are greatly in hopes that those having in charge the various grammar schools are coming to realize the nature of the studies pursued in the High School and to make better efforts to bring their pupils up to the standard. There has been no material change in the course of study during the year nor are we

aware that there has been any in the range and scope of the same since the first year of the school.

We regard the course of study as a good one—not too high—if it could only always get properly prepared minds to undertake it. The questions adopted, from year to year, as tests of fitness, have not been difficult, and yet it has been necessary in almost all cases to be satisfied with work very far from perfection. We hope that this may be less and less the case until we can place the school on the standard of other schools of like grade in other places.

From one sixth to one fifth of the pupils belonging in town come from schools out of the village, by whom it would be fair to suppose that the least advantages of schooling are enjoyed, and we have never observed that they fall behind in effort or success those from the more favored pupils of the village districts. One tenth or more of the scholars are also from out of town, showing that we are doing something for the world at large as well as for ourselves.

We would like to call the attention of our townsmen to the tabular statements of our Superintending School Committee for the last few years. We think they have something interesting respecting the High School. If we mistake not, its graduates are now in the majority among the teachers of the town. We think this is well, and that if all our prudential committees in search of teachers would, before engaging them, seek the advice of the principal, and secure the *best* among our graduates, there would ere long come a change in the character of the qualifications of those presenting themselves for admission.

As to our teachers—we mean those in the High School—we have nothing but good to say of them. Two of them have been with us too long to need any mention, and in the third we have so far found a meet and competent coadjutor to the other two.

At the next public examination and graduation, three of the graduates are to receive prizes for proficiency and excellence in English Studies; and the same will be true at each subsequent graduation. The prizes themselves will be worth contending for, but if the *excellence* is attained, candidates may cheerfully dispense with the prizes. *They* are perishable but *it* will be as enduring as life itself. We hope that all who strive for them will do it lawfully and manfully.

The following is our treasurer's report.

RECEIPTS.

On hand* from last year,	165 75
Received from Selectmen, as balance of last year's appropriation,	354 81
Received from same at sundry times being the appropriation for this year,	2,164 18
Received from non-resident pupils,	174 50
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	2,859 24

DISBURSMENTS.

Teachers' Salaries,	2,487 17
Fuel,	171 11
Janitor,	112 50
Cleaning,	15 00
Other Incidentals,	67 04
On hand,	6 42
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	2,859 24

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. E. TUTHERLY,	} Stevens High School Committee.
GEORGE G. IDE,	
A. R. CUMMINGS,	
C. H. EASTMAN,	
OSMON B. WAY.	

Fiske Free Library.

Report of the Financial Agent of the Trustees of Fiske Free Library, for the year ending March, 1879.

(1) *Account with Library Building.*

Cash received from Town, for alterations and repairs of building,	\$ 2,500 00
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Cash paid out, as follows:

To Beckwith & Chase, for alterations and repairs,	\$ 2,402 23
S. H. Hurd, for cutting window cap,	1 50
J. R. Blood, for cleaning and penciling brick walls,	30 00
Sug. Riv. Paper Co., for acid for cleaning walls,	3 10
C. F. Tibbils, for brick work,	1 75
D. Spaulding, for cleaning brick walls,	2 00
J. T. Little, for painting &c.,	25 00
C. P. Dresser, for oiling floor to library room,	2 50
R. D. Kellogg, for cleaning out chimney,	1 00
J. Burns, for gas burners and globes,	5 25
Freeman & O'Neil, for railing in library room,	12 00
J. B. Porter, for washing windows,	4 20
Betsey Blake, for washing floors,	2 25
G. H. Stowell, for door lock,	2 25

Total expended on building,	\$ 2,495 03
Balance (carried to library account),	\$ 4 97

\$ 25,000 00

(2) *Account with Library, Rents, &c.*

Cash received as follows:

From balance in treasury last year,	42 58
balance on building account,	4 97
Town treasury, for library expenses,	150 00
“ “ “ furniture, fuel, &c.,	70 00
“ “ “ insurance,	112 50
“ “ “ re-binding books,	74 75
rents of library building,	381 35
sale of catalogues, and fines,	56 12

Total received,

\$ 892 27

Cash paid out as follows:

To A. J. Swain, for services as librarian,	33 00
Abbie Field, “ “	37 50
J. Tyler, for water rent,	10 00
J. B. Thrasher, for moving books to library building,	3.85
F. A. Briggs, for table,	12 00
O. F. R. Waite, for cataloguing, classifying and arranging books,	100 00
F. P. Thrasher, for assisting in the same,	20 50
Freeman & O'Neil, for table and steps,	15 00
Claremont M'f'g Co., for re-binding books,	74 75
“ “ “ “ catalogues, printing cards, &c.,	28 86
Claremont Stat'y Co., for stationery, books &c.,	15 36
A. C. Stone & Co., for stove and pipe and fixtures,	37 17
Haskell & Tolles, for furniture,	11 05
G. H. Stowell, for coal and merchandise,	25 00
H. P. Grandy, for advertising,	5 00
B. S. Noyes, for wood,	2 00
C. O. Eastman, for insuring building,	67 50
“ “ “ “ “ library,	45 00
For postage and express,	2 30

Total expended,

\$ 545 84

Deposited in town treasury, to balance account,

346 43

\$ 892 27

The portion of the building not occupied by the library, is now renting for \$472.00 a year.

O. B. WAY, *Financial Agent.*

Claremont, N. H., March 5, 1879.

Report of Committee on Tappan Fund.

Collected interest on Fund of fifteen hundred forty-four dollars and fifty cents. Collected of Sugar River Paper Mill, principal six thousand dollars, and invested the same in

notes secured by mortgages on Real Estate.	The Fund, as
it now stands, is invested in Town Bonds,	\$ 20,000 00
Notes secured by mortgage,	6,000 00
Invested in Fiske free library building,	4,500 00
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	\$ 30,500 00

WILLIAM CLARK,	} Committee.
JOHN W. JEWETT,	
ISAAC H. LONG,	
EDWARD L. GODDARD,	
JAMES P. UPHAM,	
DANIEL W. JOHNSON,	
EDWARD J. TENNEY.	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer's Report.

In accordance with the usual custom, the Chief Engineer would respectfully submit the following report, for the year ending March 1st, 1879.

The Fire Department is in its usual good condition. The Engine Companies are full of good, efficient men, willing to do their duty when called upon.

A Hook and Ladder Company is now organized, consisting of twelve men.

There have been during the year, five fires and alarms. Dec. 25th, the burning out of the chimney of W. Cook, Draper's corner; Jan. 6, the Grocery and Hardware department of J. W. Peirce, Lower Village; Jan. 15, the entire destruction of the dwelling-house of Thomas Carey, Oak St; Jan. 20, the Shed in the rear of L. N. Kempton's Grocery Store, Pleasant St; an alarm at the Mill of R. Shepardson, Lower Village; none of the above fires have spread from the buildings in which they caught.

The hydrants have been of great service, where they could reach the fire. The one at Sugar River Paper Mill, and the one at Sugar River Grist Mill, were of great assistance at the fire of Mr. Peirce.

The Department have heretofore had the use of Sugar River Paper Mill's Hose. The Co. has given notice that they can do so no longer, on account of their own safety. We therefore have not hose enough to reach all points that would be necessary in case of fire. We would recommend the town to buy new hose to supply the wants of the department.

There are fourteen Reservoirs, all in good order but two. The one on Myrtle St., needs slight repairs. The one on Broad St. will have to be re-built.

I would here give the town the location of the several reservoirs, which it would be well to keep for reference.

LOCATION OF RESERVOIRS.

Broad Street, near Town Hall.
 Corner Broad and Putnam Streets.
 Corner Broad and Chestnut Streets.
 On Severance Street.
 Pleasant Street, between Summer and Green Streets.
 Corner Summer and Middle Streets.
 Pleasant Street, near Congregational Church.
 Head of Lincoln Street, Dexter hill.
 Corner Myrtle and Oak Streets.
 Corner Sullivan and Pearl Streets.
 Corner Central and Pearl Streets.
 Main Street, near residence of Wm. Redfield.
 Main Street, West Terrace, near residence of Wm. H. Farwell.
 Corner North and Hanover Streets.

L. W. WATRISS,

Chief of Fire Department.

Claremont, March 1st, 1879.

Estimate for the Year 1879.

For payment of State and county taxes,	\$12,892 59
Interest on town debts,	7,974 00
To pay towards town debt,	2,000 00
Support of Stevens High School,	1,600 00
Common Schools as required by law,	6,135 50
Support of the poor,	200 00
Town officers,	1,300 00
Fire Department,	1,300 00
Incidental expenses,	2,500 00
Street Lights,	200 00
Repair of Highways,	3,000 00
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	\$39,542 09

Fiske Free Library.

Librarian,	\$150 00
Coal and gas,	75 00
Binding books,	100 00
Tablet,	65 00
Incidentals,	50 00
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	440 00

WILLIAM CLARK, }
 JOHN W. JEWETT, } Selectmen
 ISAAC H. LONG, } of
 Claremont.

We, the undersigned auditors of the town of Claremont, have examined the foregoing accounts of the town treasurer, selectmen, overseer of the poor, liquor agent, treasurer of Stevens High School committee, the financial agent of the trustees of the Fiske Free Library, and the committee on the Tappan fund, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers.

Claremont, March 1, 1879.

WM. E. TUTHERLY,	} Auditors.
H. W. PARKER,	
C. M. BINGHAM,	

REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee,
For the year ending March 1, 1879.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following scholars having attended school one or more terms, without having an absent or tardy mark on the register, are deserving of a place on the Roll of Honor.

District No. 1. For one term. Cora Doyle, Elwin H. Proctor, Ned W. Blood, Susan N. Swain, Etta S. Osgood, Willie E. Tutherly, Annie L. Elmer, Fred M. Parmelee, Isidore H. Chicoine, Charles Perkins, Thomas J. Harris, Jr., Sidney M. Smith, Kate E. French, Frank Holden, Nellie Burns, Tim Kennedy, Emmie Brooks, Harry Dickinson, Clara Bean, Nettie Jewett, Vallie Smith, Ben Kelsy, Josie Keating, Harry Buel, George Warner, Ada Buckley, Carlton Chase, Herbert Webb, John Burns, Alger Allen, Don Colby, Bessie Chase, Lellie Macomber.

For two terms—Mary B. Allen, Henry A. Haskell, Charles O. Cummings, William B. Deane, Alice C. Chase, Nellie V. Kempton, Maggie C. Kennedy, Frank J. Reynolds, Ned Heywood, Robert Burns, Edna Ewer, Lorena Noyes, Levi Judkins, Michael Reynolds, Bessie Kennedy, Frankie Sherman, Eddie Winn, Nellie Neal, Ellen Macomber, Annie Kennedy, Johnnie Whipple, George Wolcott, Frank Perkins, Dean Lear, Frank Reynolds, Charles I. Woodbury.

For three terms—Florence L. Kempton, Charles A. Neal, Bertie Spencer, Willie Wetmore, Emma Kempton.

District No. 2. For one term. Fernando J. Ayer, Freddie E. Ayer, Bennie Nichols, Chester Sprague, Jason Sprague, Freddie Sprague, Frank Stockwell, Frances Fisher, Addie Chase.

For two terms—Ralph Bailey, Clarence Dole, Eddie Stockwell, Carrie Bailey, Minnie Walker, Eva Walker, Fannie Walker.

For three terms—John D. Ayer, Mattie Hart, Lena Nichols.

District No. 3. For one term. Chester P. Shedd, Addie A. Fargo.

For two terms—Kate F. Reed, Aurie Cone, Martha Shedd.

For three terms—Ola M. Pope.

District No. 4. For one term. Minnie I. Sargent, Gertrude L. Sargent, Carrie E. Lovejoy, David Carroll, John Farrington, Johnnie Frizzell.

For two terms—Ella S. Cross, Minnie A. Conley, Ada A. Conley.

District No. 5. For one term. Cottie O. Bradford, Nellie M. Fitch, Lizzie J. Shattuck, Ada L. Veasey, Eva J. Watton, Julia D. White, Fred H. Bradford, Frank D. Watton, Foster T. Heath, Forest J. Heath.

For two terms—Willie E. Jones, Daniel Canty, John M. Daley, James A. Teary, Dick Jones, E. Charles Mason.

For three terms—Alice J. Mason, Nellie E. Mason, Willie D. Daley, James P. Daley, Fred W. Densmore, Clifton E. Densmore, Fred E. Watton.

District No. 6. For one term. Mary J. Caffrey, Eddie A. Cassady.

For two terms—Lizzie Cassady.

District No. 7. For one term. Willie C. Phelps.

For two terms—Florence B. Leet, Ella G. Leet.

District No. 8. For one term. John Canty, Mary A. Sweeney, George B. Wright, Herman Wessell.

For two terms—Patrick Sweeney.

District No. 9. For one term. Eugene Burbank, John Carroll, Lena Lewis, Minnie Wolcott, Ina Dole, Etta Lewis, Thomas Bailey, Elbridge Burbank, Herman Dole, Charlie Eaton, Willie Lewis, Joe Mann, Lucy Young.

For two terms—Hannah Carroll, Susie Shea, Fannie F. Wilson, Frank Wilson, Delia Boucher.

District No. 10. For one term. Myrtie N. Dole, Georgie W. Dole, Annie E. Gaffney.

For two terms—Lillie M. Gaffney, Arthur W. Lamberton.

District No. 11. For one term. Annie D. Gormash, Fred Gormash, Fred W. Stearns, William H. Stearns, Reuben E. Johnson, Oscar E. Bartlett, Mary I. Gormash.

For three terms—George D. Roberts.

District No. 12. For one term. Lillian W. Farnsworth, Susie L. Wilson.

District No. 14. For one term. Minnie E. Freeman, Ella M. Freeman, Lucian E. Slate, Walter C. Judd, Eddie Freeman, Edwin Stickney, Everett Colburn.

For two terms—Anna A. Slate, J. C. Freeman.

District No. 15. For one term. Fred Back, Franklin Daley, Herbert Daley, Frank Fletcher, Genie Heath, Willie Hoban, Eddie McLaughlin, Florence Abbott, Eva Barron, Maggie Crowley, Ella Carey, Willie Barron, Thomas Hoban, Joseph Thibodo, Johnnie Shannon, Alice Bean, Georgie Charon, Nellie Fletcher, Josephine Hoban, Willie Hoban, John Carey, Mary Heslin, Jerry Terrin, Kate Conlin, James Shannon, Walter Sulloway, Patrick Shannon, Willie Sweeney, Eugene Rowell, Thomas Eagan, Minnie Barron, Agnes Carey, Annie Kelley, Minnie Back, Mary Hoban, Nellie Crowley, Ida Dustin, Gertrude Sulloway, Charlie Crowley, Clarence Reed.

For two terms—Addie Walker, Fannie Thompson, Alice Walker, Jennie Hall, Nellie Rowell, Emma Carey, Ida Barron, Nathan Fay, Willie Bean, John Frawley, Lewis Thibodo, Lyman Lozo, Annie Crowley, Myrtie Fletcher, Mary Heslin, Annie Heslin, Marcie Sweeney.

For three terms—Josephine Thibodo, Etta Foss, Minnie Rowell, Charles Abbott, Dannie Kelley.

District No. 16. For one term. Stella G. Wright, Vesta A. Piper, Annie M. Wilmarth, Dollie E. Towne.

For two terms—Charlie T. Rossiter.

For three terms—Neddie J. Rossiter.

District No. 17. For one term. Addie Barney, Alice Freeman, Nettie Frye, Hattie Lamb, Nellie Mulhern, Napoleon Couture, Willie Noley, George Papps, Sadie Briggs, Josie Bierwith, Mary Cragin, Grace Railey, William Bierwith, David McDuff, John Martin, Fannie Labor, Mary Micheard, Mary Putnam, Frank Graves, Gilbert Chambers, John Quinn, Harry C. Sanders, Mary Bailey, Elizabeth Hoban, DeWitt Howe, Royal Hurd, Winnie Sargent, Ernest Gerry, Willie Richardson, Bertie Spring, Mary Jones, Patrick Kittrick, Charles Perkins, Edward Smiley, Grace Carlton, Eva Colburn, Annie Hoban, Bertha Pierce, Eugene Burbank, Henry Spaulding, Eva Colburn, Charles Burbank, Hattie Rossiter, Willie Dart, Stella Graves, Charles Darling.

For two terms—Henry Levoy, Eva Noley, Fred Perkins, Charlie Perkins, Carl Carlton, Nellie Redfield, Kate Papps, Emma Noley, Emma Labor, Nettie Hubbard, Susie Halpin, Kate Carey, Edward McCarty, Kate Farrington, Murrie Griffith, Winnifred Griffith, Richard McCarty, Alice Hall, Myrtie Griffith, Hattie Sanders, Florence Whitney, Bessie Briggs, Luke Crowther, Harry Eaton, Eva Jenks, Jennie Parks, Abbie Perkins, Bertie Briggs, Willie Frye, William Putnam, Fred Smith, Edgar Currier, Webb Freeman, Theron Jackson, James McGuire, Sammie Prouty, Sherrie Stowell, Florence Bailey, Louie Briggs, Belle Donegan, Alice Pride, Hattie Sargent, Gratha Volk, James Gaffeny, John Hoban, Lizzie Carey, Ida Stowell, Felix Volk.

For three terms—Myra Briggs, Mertie Collins, Winnie Hoban, Nellie McCarty, Mary Weld, Mattie Weld, Eva Normand, Winnie Hoban, Annie Bailey, Henry Spring, Fred Briggs, Mary Fitch, Flora Spring, Maud Spaulding, Glennie Hurd, Rose Carey, Berdie Eastman, Susie Bailey, James Richardson, Henry Sargent, Kate Bolster, Lettie Collins, Kate Hough, Alice Stowell, Frank Taylor.

District No. 18. For one term. Charlie Russell, Gracie E. Webster, Josie E. Webster, Nettie Walker, Alice A. Nott, Gertrude Nevers, Charles J. Nevers.

For two terms—Arthur E. Blanchard, Mary L. Nevers.

For three terms—Ora D. Blanchard, Eddie S. Reed, Ora J. Reed, Florence M. Blanchard, Sydney F. Reed.

District No. 19. For one term. Effie M. Hart, Carrie J. Hart, Tracy B. Hart, Justin W. Smith, Chester H. Smith.

For two terms—Ada Judd, Emma M. Judd, J. Wallace Burbee.

MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,

Superintendent of Schools.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Committee.	Amount of money from Town.	Amount from Tappan fund.	Department.	Summer, Fall and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of scholars.	Attendance.	Length in weeks.	No. of scholars in district.	Wages per month, including board.
1	William Clark,	\$1506.45	\$559.45	Prim. Gram. Inter.	S	Katharine H. Deane,	54	45	11	413	\$32.00
					F	" "	42	35	12		32.00
					W	" "	39	32	13		32.00
					S	Mary B. Deane,	31	24	11		30.00
					F	" "	31	22	12		30.00
					W	" "	28	22	13		30.00
					S	Anna J. Brooks,	39	36	11		32.00
					F	" "	43	38	12		32.00
					W	" "	41	35	12		32.00
					S	Fannie B. Jones,	34	30	11		36.00
					F	" "	30	28	12		36.00
					W	William E. Barrett,	32	30	13		50.00
2	Alvah Sprague,	244.82	66.37	....	S	C. F. Smith,	24	23	9	49	26.00
					F	Clara M. Perkins,	26	24	10		26.00
3	E. C. Pope,	154.71	31.15	....	W	Edward D. Reardon,	30	26	7		40.00
					S	Orietta E. Burt,	15	14	8	23	20.00
					F	" "	20	13	8		20.00
4	John Tyler,	192.84	46.06	....	W	Nellie L. Hilliard,	9	8	8		20.00
	Chas. J. Cross, }				S	Nellie M. Cross,	17	12	15	34	22.00
5	Ingals Heath,	241.36	65.02	....	W	Hoell Tyler,	18	13	12		28.00
					S	C. M. Lewis,	31	30	12	48	20.00
					F	" "	30	28	9		21.00
					W	" "	30	27	12		24.00
6	Lewis H. Colby,	140.86	25.73	....	S	Sarah B. Colby,	8	6	10	19	16.00
					W	Edwin S. Bailey,	12	10	14		26.50
7	A. W. Proctor,	185.91	43.34	....	S	Lizzie G. Phelps,	15	13	12	32	20.00
					W	Steph. J. Roberts, jr.,	19	18	14	19	30.00
8	George Wright,	140.86	25.73	....	S	Alice A. Rogers,	...	...	...
					W	" "	...	...	...
9	Josiah Wilson,	293.36	85.34	....	S	Susie F. Osgood,	36	32	11	63	24.00
					F	" "	42	35	12		24.00
					W	Edwin F. Jones,	53	28	12		35.00
10	Wm. C. Smith,	92.32	6.77	....	S	Sarah M. Mitchell,	5	4	10	5	20.00
					W	" "	7	7	8		20.00
11	W. N. Bartlett,	224.03	58.24	....	S	Julia B. Jackman,	22	17	8	43	20.00
					F	William E. Drury,	25	20	10		25.00
					W	" "	22	18	12		37.00
12	R. R. Bunnell,	113.13	14.90	....	S	Abbie E. Edson,	6	4	8	11	20.00
					W	" "	7	5	11		20.00
13	J. W. Chaffin,	120.06	17.61	....	S	Lilla D. Ide,	9	8	10	13	20.00
					W	" "	6	4	12		20.00
14	Edwin T. Ayers,	140.86	25.73	....	S	Etta J. Ayers,	11	9	12	19	20.00
					W	Nellie M. Cross,	14	13	12		24.00
15	Clark Randall,	723.12	253.31	Gram. Prim.	S	Marion Westgate,	58	48	10	187	32.00
					F	" "	52	45	11		32.00
					W	Emma N. Dunham,	49	44	11		32.00
					S	M. S. Rossiter,	42	40	10		45.00
					F	E. D. Reardon,	42	38	11		40.00
					W	E. W. Bisbee,	42	36	11		45.00
16	Geo. P. Rossiter,	109.66	13.54	....	S	Abbie E. Densmore,	10	9	8	10	20.00
					F	" "	12	10	9		18.00
					W	Julia A. Scales,	13	12	12		18.00
					S	Mary T. Young,	49	40	11	313	24.00
					F	Marion L. Eggleston,	45	41	11		24.00
					W	" "	36	31	10		24.00
17	I. D. Hall,	1159.85	424.00	Prim.	S	Fannie A. Spencer,	54	43	10		24.00
	C. N. Freeman, }				F	" "	40	34	11		24.00
	H. C. Sanders, }				W	" "	40	33	9		24.00
					S	Fannie G. Patrick,	32	30	12		28.00
					F	" "	36	34	12		28.00
					W	" "	35	33	11		28.00
					S	Isophen K. Dow,	30	28	11		36.00
					F	" "	36	35	11		36.00
					W	" "	43	39	10		36.00
18	W. E. Tutherly,	203.24	50.11	....	S	Mary E. Tutherly,	27	24	10	37	24.00
					F	" "	30	27	10		24.00
					W	Burt Chellis,	30	26	12		26.00
19	Geo. C. Grannis,	120.06	17.60	S	Lizzie A. Weld,	11	8	10	13	22.00
					W	" "	11	8	12		22.00

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